



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Spaces Still Available for Fall Youth, Teen Sports Programs

New Safety Policies & Procedures in Place

Gaithersburg, MD – (September 10, 2020) Spaces are still available for [Fall Youth and Teen Sports](#) programs in the City of Gaithersburg. Registrations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Current openings include Soccer, Ultimate Football, Cross Country, and Pickleball and Speed & Agility clinics. Policies are in place, including required mask-wearing, to provide a safe environment for participants. Register online and view complete program details [here](#).

The primary goal of Gaithersburg Sports! programs is to offer a safe and positive environment for youth to develop physical and social skills, self-confidence and just have fun playing sports. During the pandemic, the City has implemented policies and procedures to fulfill this mission while taking every precaution to minimize the risk of exposure.

These policies include:

- Face masks are required for all participants, staff, coaches, officials, and spectators at all games, practices and meets.
- Social distancing is required by spectators at all times. Bleacher seating will not be available. You may bring your own chair.
- Fields are limited to no more than 50 persons at any time, which includes spectators. If possible, please have only one parent attend games, meets and practices, and please do not bring siblings or friends.
- Participants should bring their own water and hand sanitizer to practices and games.
- Officials will be using hand-held whistles.
- Balls and other equipment will be periodically wiped or sprayed with sanitizer.
- Teams will be required to keep attendance at each practice. This may be necessary for contact tracing purposes.
- Staff will be keeping attendance at all games and meets.
- Parent/guardian will be required to complete a Health Screening Questionnaire at all events.
- Due to the unique conditions we are currently experiencing, all matters of this sports season are subject to change.

For more information visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6350. Subscribe to our sports newsletter [here](#).

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